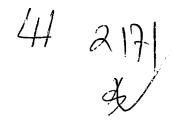
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 8, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2004 for which the three-month date for response was September 8, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that a three-month extension of time to respond be granted. This three-month extension will extend the response date to December 8, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period.

Applicants hereby request and authorize the Commissioner to deduct the three-month extension fee (\$980.00) from the Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365, Attn: MET580/4-001US. No other fees are believed to be due. If this is in error or if any additional

fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit the same Vinson & Elkins Deposit Account as necessary.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 12 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and a marked-up annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 28 of this paper.

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